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estimates of the export and import trade that passed through his little city are of real value to the student of Civil War history and give to the book more than a local value. The final chapter, comprising nearly two hundred pages, includes a multitude of subjects—trade since the war, problems of coastal navigation, and federal improvements, appreciative sketches of various persons of prominence, the activities of local organizations, the municipal problems and the general progress of Wilmington.

Mr. Sprunt has made extensive use of the writings of others, even inserting articles of some length both from the contemporary and the historian, so that to an extent the volume resembles a collection of documents; but these selections are chosen with care and judgment. His own portion, which is the major part, is written in an easy and piquant style, while the whole book abounds in the color given by happy anecdote and charming reminiscence. How one wishes that something of as good quality were done for the older communities of Texas.

The index, which covers forty-four pages, is excellent as to names but less satisfactory as to subjects. The volume is handsomely bound and will be a welcome addition to any library of Southern history.

CHAS. W. RAMSDELL.

NEWS ITEMS

The Louisiana Historical Quarterly (September, 1917) contains an account of "Lafayette's visit to New Orleans," by H. Renshaw, "Notes bibliographiques et raisonnés sur les principaux ouvrages publiés sur la Floride et l'Ancienne Louisiane depuis leur découverte jusqu'à l'époque actuelle," by A. L. Boimare, and a sketch of "General James Wilkinson," by his great grandson James Wilkinson. The "Notes bibliographiques" embrace one hundred and ninety titles, were completed in 1853, and are taken from the original manuscript in the library of Mr. T. P. Thompson, of New Orleans.

Publications of the Nebraska State Historical Society, XVII, 260-268, contain a reminiscence entitled "Trailing Texas long-horn cattle through Nebraska." The herd comprised 25,000 head,

originated on the Nueces river, and was delivered in the Whetstone Bottom of the Missouri river in Nebraska in the summer of 1876.

The Belton Journal on January 3, 1918, printed an article by Mr. George W. Tyler, entitled "Bell County's Charter Oak." Under this live oak, which stands near the bridge across the Leon river on the Belton-Temple pike, was held the election in 1850 for the organization of the county. This article is an excerpt from some "Notes on Bell County History" which Mr. Tyler has in preparation.

Excerpts from a diary kept by Mr. D. P. Hopkins, of the Texas Frontier Regiment, covering the period from February 26 to August 23, 1862, were printed in the *San Antonio Express* January 13, 1918.

"The expulsion of the British consuls by the Confederate Government," by M. L. Bonham, is printed in *Americana*, XII, 224-226.

Some results of an expert survey of the public schools of Walker county, Texas, are published in the *Journal of Education*, January 3, 1918.

Portraits of ex-Governors Hogg, Culberson, and Sayers have been placed in the Law Library of the University of Texas. They are the gift of a donor whose name has not been announced.

A portrait of Judge James L. Autry was placed in the Lawyers' Law Library of Houston, March 25, 1918.

W. J. McDonald, former deputy sheriff, deputy United States marshal, Ranger captain, State Revenue Agent, and hero of *Captain Bill McDonald, Texas Ranger: A story of frontier reform*, by A. B. Paine, died at Wichita Falls, January 15, 1918. He was United States marshal for the North Texas district at the time of his death.

Isaac Sanger, eldest brother of the firm Sanger Brothers, of Waco and Dallas, and its founder, died at Sea Cliff, Long Island, N. Y., January 16, 1918.

Judge R. S. Neblett, of Corsicana, died at Temple, January 18, 1918.

Miss Julia Pease, the last surviving daughter of Governor Elisha M. Pease, died at her home in Austin, January 19, 1918. Miss Pease was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Rt. Rev. Nicholas Aloysius Gallagher, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Galveston for thirty-six years, died at St. Mary's Cathedral rectory, Galveston, January 21, 1918.

Joseph Bailey Polley, author of *A soldiers letters to charming Nellie* and of *Hood's Texas Brigade: Its marches, its battles, its achievements*, died at Floresville, Texas, February 2, 1918. A sketch of his life was printed in the *San Antonio Express*, February 10.

Judge Beauregard Bryan, who served the Association for ten years as one of its vice-presidents, died March 4, 1918, at El Paso. He was an authority on Texas history.

Judge George Clark, distinguished jurist and former leader of Texas Democracy, died at his time in Waco, March 28, 1918.

AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The annual business meeting of the Association will be held at Austin at 10 o'clock a. m., April 22, in Room 158 of the Main Building of the University of Texas. There will be a meeting of the Executive Council just preceding the general meeting. There will be no other announcement except through the newspapers.